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1. Tractor factory at Brasov

- a. The tractor factory at Brasov which employs 1,400 persons (period: December 1948 - January 1949) is to be extended in the course of 1949 by the erection of five new shops. When this factory is completed (by the end of 1949) the total number employed at the factory will reach 2,900.
- b. The director of the factory is Lucretiu Stoica, member of the Rumanian Communist Party and brother of Ion Stoica, a high official in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The political adviser at the factory is Vasile Rabinovitiu, a former employee of the Intelligence Section of the Security Service at Bucharest. Rabinovitiu deals with personnel and fixes rates of work in accordance with the Stakhanovist system.
- c. This factory employs three Soviet foremen of Rumanian origin from the Cheliabinsk Tractor Factory.

2. Astra automobile repair and railroad car factory at Arad

- a. This factory was extended during the war only to be subsequently dismantled in part by the Germans and Russians. Between the summer of 1947 and the beginning of 1948 Astra obtained nearly 50 percent of the plant of Soviet repair depots in Hungary. The Soviets were anxious to boost the Kolkhoz system in Rumania which was very short of tractors and other agricultural implements.
- b. The Astra factory was rebuilt in June 1948 when it employed 300 persons, a figure which rose to 800 by the end of the year when the factory was turning out sowers and spare parts for tractors. The present extensions to the factory, which is situated in the triangle formed by the calea Aureliu Vlaicu and the calea Victoriei are expected to be completed by November 1949. When the factory is completed it will turn out tank chassis, railroad cars, tractors and agricultural implements. The number of employees then will be 3,000 - 3,500 persons. The director of the factory is Mihail Vasilescu.

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3. Cluj locomotive repair shops

- a. The locomotive repair shops at Cluj which employ 670 persons, went over to a three-shift operation on 1 February 1949 and are to be equipped in 1950 to build and not merely repair locomotives.
- b. In November 1948 85 young Stakhanovist workers (all Communists) were sent from these shops to the Chrzanow locomotive works in Poland for a six months course.

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